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2012 Youth Conservation Corps Positions Available at Lava Beds National Monument and Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

Tulelake, CA – Acting Superintendent Ralph Bell and Refuge Manager Ron Cole are pleased to announce that Lava Beds National Monument and the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program again this year. YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15 through 18, who work and learn together by participating in conservation work on public lands. The eight-week program will begin on June 18th, 2012 and conclude on August 10th, 2012.

Applicants must be in very good physical condition. This work can be fun, even adventurous, but it can also be strenuous and performed in hot, rugged, dirty environments. If regular exercise is not already part of an applicant's lifestyle, they are strongly discouraged from applying. Planned work projects include exotic weed control, native vegetation seeding and planting, backcountry trail maintenance, landscape restoration, and cave mapping and clean up.

A minimum of forty hours of conservation education will be incorporated into the scheduled eight week program. This education will highlight the diversity and responsibilities of all National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service areas, introduce participants to local natural and cultural history, and often involve field trips to other parks or areas.

A total of 12 YCC staff will be selected from all applications during a random drawing of applications on May 23rd, 2012. Four male and four female participants will be selected for Lava Beds National Monument, and two male and two female participants will be selected for the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. Applicants will have the opportunity to select their preferred work location on the application, but preferences are not guaranteed. Successful candidates will earn \$8.00 per hour (California minimum wage). All participants must bring a lunch and be able to provide their own transportation to and from the Monument or Refuge daily. No housing is available and carpooling is encouraged. The work schedule is 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays.

Applications for the YCC Program should be mailed to Lava Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 1240, Tulelake, CA 96134, and be postmarked no later than May 18th, 2012. For more information about the program please call Ryan Janway at (530) 667-8154. You can also download applications at:

<http://www.nps.gov/labe/supportyourpark/ycc-youth-conservation-corp.htm>

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